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***MEDIA ALERT***

**TIMOR-LESTE TODAY: XANANA GUSMAO IN CANBERRA**

His Excellency Xanana Gusmao has been the central figure in Timor-Leste’s 24 year struggle for independence.

In the 2015 S T Lee Lecture in Canberra on ***Monday, March 16th***, Xanana Gusmao will discuss *Political Transition and National Unity: The Timor-Leste Story.*

Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao will explore the lessons of national building and transition in Australia’s “near neighbour to the north”, and reflect on how Timor-Leste’s experience relates to international experience.

He will also discuss emerging global trends and their impact on developing nations and fragile states.

The media is welcome to attend.

***TIME: 7.30 pm***

***DATE: Monday March 16th***

***VENUE: Llewellyn Hall, ANU School of Music, Canberra***

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